WHY WE NEED THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO STEP UP FOR PA’S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TALKING POINTS

• 86% of students attend school districts that are not adequately funded under Pennsylvania state law.

• The state’s share of total district spending is 38%, which ranks the state 45th in the country. The national median is 48%.

• 277 PA school districts need more than $2,000 more per student to adequately support their students’ learning needs, enabling them to graduate ready to compete in today’s economy.

• Pennsylvania is underfunding its public schools by $4.6 billion.

• Graduation rates are 20% higher in the wealthiest districts (94% vs. 74%).

• The growing funding gap averages $4,800 per student between poor and wealthy districts.